

# **EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**East Providence City Hall**

**145 Taunton Avenue**

**East Providence, Rhode Island 02914**

## **Special School Committee Meeting**

**July 1, 2009**

### **Open Session**

**Mr. Carcieri, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. School Committee Members Present: Luisa Abatecola, Shannon Barbosa, Robert Faria, Steven Santos, Anthony Carcieri. Also Present: Dr. Mario F. Cirillo, Jr., Superintendent of Schools, Daniel Kinder, Esq.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence were observed.**

**Mr. Carcieri asked for a motion to modify the agenda in order to move to executive session. A motion was made by Mrs. Abatecola to modify the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa.**

**Vote 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Santos to move to executive session for**

**purposes of discussing: Collective Bargaining: Teachers' Contract, Teacher Assistants' Contract, Custodians' Contract, Secretaries' Contract, Principals' Association Contract - R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2), Litigation: R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2), seconded by Mrs. Barbosa. Vote 5-0.**

**The School Committee returned to open session at 6:35PM.**

**Auditor's Report** ✓ Ms. Pat Boucher of Bacon & Company presented an overview of the Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008; highlights were:

„X Page 15 of the report which indicated a year end deficit of \$5.2 million (prior year was \$4 million)

„X Section II ✓ Financial Statement Findings on page 111 indicated that RI General Law 16-2-18 prohibits RI School Departments from having a deficit and recommended that the city and School Department implement a plan to fund the cumulative deficit.

„X School lunch fund deficit noted and corrective action recommended in the management letter.

„X Discussion regarding observations, recommendations and school department responses listed in the management letter.

**Mr. Santos pointed out the comment on page 3 under Management's Discussion and Analysis: §As a result of the School Department's cumulative deficit, all of the City's fund balance is reported as**

reserved for the School Unrestricted Fund deficit. The net deficit position of the City will need to be addressed as part of the fiscal year 2010 budget. This jeopardizes the financial stability of the entire City.” Mr. Santos commented that the deficit is not a joke and needs to be addressed.

**Personnel Report on Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence -**  
**Mr. Barham presented the personnel items:**

#### **RETIREMENTS**

**Maria Furtado (10 yrs) Supervisory Assistant - Orlo Elementary**  
**Effective 6/23/2009**

#### **RESIGNATION**

**Nancy Flanagan** **HS Virtual Learning**  
**Academy Guidance**  
**Counselor**

**Tabitha Watjen** **Flag Corp Coach JV High School**

**Brian Petsch** **Cross Country Coach - Martin**

**Brian Petsch** **Girls' Basketball Coach - Martin**

**Gary Faragalli** **Girls' Basketball Coach JV Riverside MS**

#### **FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Jennifer Benell    Speech Pathologist - Kent Heights Elementary**

**13 weeks beginning 2009-2010 School year**

**Tracy Andrews**

**Kindergarten Teacher -**

**Kent Heights**

**Elementary 13 weeks**

**Beginning 11/5/2009 -**

**2/28/2010**

## **LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

**Terry Allard    Extended School Year SPED Teacher**

**2009-2010 School Year Only**

**Robert Perry IV    Latin Teacher iV High School**

**2009-2010 School Year**

**Superintendent's Report**

**Consent Agenda**

**Personnel Appointments - Recall**

**Marcia Goggin    Kindergarten Teacher iV Francis Elementary**

**Effective 6/23/09**

**Motion: Mrs. Abatecola, seconded by Mrs. Barbosa. Roll call vote:  
Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos,  
aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.**

## **Requisition - Bill Lists**

**Warrant #905 \$3,954,818.61**

**Warrant #903 \$ 659,682.76**

**Motion: Mr. Santos/Second: Mr. Faria. Vote 5-0.**

## **Action Items**

**Special Education Staffing Policy ¡V Second Passage ¡V Motion to approve: Mrs. Barbosa/Second: Mr. Faria. Roll call vote: Mrs. Abatecola, aye; Mrs. Barbosa, aye; Mr. Faria, aye; Mr. Santos, aye; Mr. Carcieri, aye.**

**Ms. Janet Sheehan was interviewed for the position of High School Principal.**

**Motion by Mr. Santos to convene in Executive Session for purposes of discussing: Personnel: Principal Candidate - R.I. Gen. Laws ¡± 42-46-5(a)(1), seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**The School Committee returned to open session at 7:45PM. A motion was made to seal the minutes of the executive session by**

**Mrs. Barbosa, seconded by Mrs. Abatecola. Vote 5-0.**

**Mr. Carcieri reported out on a vote taken in executive session; all five voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Janet M. Sheehan to the position of high school principal.**

**A motion was made by Mrs. Abatecola to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM, seconded by Mr. Santos. Vote 5-0.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patricia A. Iannelli, Administrative Assistant**

**Shannon Barbosa, Clerk of the Committee**